

### **REMARKS**

Claims 33-38 are pending. By this response claims 30-32 are canceled, claims 33-38 added, the specification is amended. Reconsideration and allowance based on the above amendments and following remarks are respectfully submitted.

#### **Specification**

The Office Action objects to the specification under 35 U.S.C. §132(a) as allegedly introducing new matter into the disclosure. Specifically, the Office Action alleges that the term “spread” on page 2 of the disclosure introduces this new matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the term “spread” does not introduce new matter into the specification. However, for reasons of addressing this issue so as to place the application in condition for allowance, applicants have amended the specification to remove the term “spread.” Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

#### **Double Patenting Rejection**

The Office Action rejects claim 32 on the ground of non-statutory obvious-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1, 9 and 13 of U.S. patent number 6,731,910. Claim 32 has been canceled. Thus, the rejection of claim 32 is now moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the reasons above, applicants respectfully submit that no outstanding issues remain in the application. Therefore, claims 30-32 are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Chad J. Billings (Reg. No. 48,917) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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